DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bea Koempel-Thomas on 03/10/10.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended)   A method of managing streaming media on a computer system having a speaker for playing streaming media and a display device for rendering a graphical user interface of a Web browser, the graphical user interface of the Web browser including a radio toolbar, the method comprising:

launching an instance of the Web browser;

creating a radio client upon the launching of the Web browser;

determining if a radio server is running;

creating an instance of the radio server if the radio server was not previously running;

establishing a shared memory on the computer system between the radio client and the radio server to maintain a current playback-state of the radio server;

~~receiving a user selection of a recently used radio station from a drop-down list of the radio toolbar;~~

retrieving a URL to [[the]] a radio station from the shared memory; ~~and~~

requesting that the radio server stream content of the radio station; and

via the radio toolbar: disabling a play/stop button if streaming media is not available from the radio server; if streaming media is available, enabling the play/stop button for selection, wherein toggling between play and stop causes playing and stopping, respectively, of available streaming media; if the computer system can modify streaming media playback volume, activating a mute button and a volume slider, otherwise inactivating the mute button and the volume slider; presenting a drop-down list that includes an entry to add favorites and a list of recently used radio stations upon user selection of a radio-stations button; and displaying in an information area, components comprising a status text component and a status icon component, the status text component presenting meta data information associated with a streaming media source and the status icon component presenting an Internet connection status regarding the streaming media source.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 22-41 are allowed over prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

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